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1... My name is Hilary Cedergreen and I live in St. Louis, Missouri. I am now married and pregnant
with my first child and plan to raise my family in St. Louis as well. [I am here today to say that I am against
the proposed action] to construct, operate, monitor and eventually close a deep geologic repository at Yucca
1 cont. Mountain for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste. [While it has come to my
attention that Yucca Mountain is not necessarily a safe place to put these materials, my even greater
concern lies with the risks of transporting them through our cities. This option could prove to be
catastrophic for our communities. Some of the risks involved with transporting the materials include
accidents causing fires, derailling, collisions, natural catastrophes, or sabotage and terrorism. Should even
one of these disasters occur, our local communities do not have the equipment or training for radioactively
contaminated victims.] The amount of radioactivity in the fuel rods that would be shipped is the equivalent
of 2.3 million atom bombs. The people in this community deserve to feel safe about what is being
transported through the city, not afraid for themselves and their families.

2... [I am in support of the No-Action Alternative] in which the DOE would stop site characterization
activities at Yucca Mountain and begin site reclamation. The Commercial nuclear power utilities and the
DOE would continue to manage spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste at 77 sites in the United
States. Many possibilities could be pursued, including the above mentioned continued storage of the
2 cont. material at its current locations. [This eliminates all of the horrifying risks involved with transporting these
3 dangerous materials through our communities,] endangering not only my family, but others as well. [This
No-Action alternative would leave the hazardous materials in dry storage casks at the plants or in fuel pools
until they can figure out how to neutralize the radioactivity.]

I know I share with others the desire to live in a city where we feel safe and comfortable raising
our families. Considering that we do not know for sure that Yucca Mountain is a safe place to put the
materials, how can we justify putting our lives at risk by transporting them through our cities. This is why
we have to support the No-Action Alternative.

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